

Appl. No. 09/850,123  
Amdt. Dated October 20, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of April 21, 2004

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-6, 17-20, and 26 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten in independent form, and thus stand allowable, with their respective dependent claims, as indicated in the Office Action of April 21, 2004. Claim 17 has been amended to clarify that the continuous columns formed are columns of liquid. Claim 26 has been amended to elucidate the role of the hydrophobic material in the context of high areal density of holes.

The issued status of a parent application referenced in paragraph [0001] has been corrected.

Entry of amendments of claims 2, 3, 17, and 26, in order to place these claims, and claims dependent therefrom, in condition for allowance or consideration on appeal, is requested, as discussed in a telephone interview granted Applicants' undersigned representative on October 19, 2004.

If the Examiner has any outstanding questions, he is invited to call Applicants' undersigned representative at 617-443-9292.

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